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In re application of: Masato Nogawa et al.

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For: Three-Side Trimmer

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RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT DATED MAY 5, 2005, AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

1. This is a response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 5, 2005. Applicant previously filed a response on April 21, 2005, but did not indicate in the Listing of the Claims that claims 1-8 were cancelled. What follows is the response previously submitted that includes a corrected listing of the claims.

2. The current claim status is as follows:

- a) claims 1-8 are cancelled;
- b) claims 9, 10, 15 are pending in the application;
- c) claim 15 is objected to;